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2'-0,4'-C-ETHYLENE NUCLEOTIDE

IN THE THIRD POSITION

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2009, the term for response to which is set to expire on February 5, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

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